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SUBJECT: **Soviet Interference with US Aircraft**

The following information from a usually reliable source, who obtained the same from a well-placed unwitting subsource, has been made available to this office by G-2, USARHUR:

"Recent interference with US transport aircraft in the BERLIN air corridor was carried out by the Soviets without consulting with East German authorities. The latter were unhappy over the incident, since they felt that the protest over the alleged violation should have come from themselves, it being East German air space which was violated. Moreover, the action is believed to have been taken by Soviet military authorities without consulting Soviet political functionaries.

"Comment: The above information was dated before the 15 April incident. According to the report of the crew in that instance, one of the four bussing planes carried East German markings. This suggests that the Soviets permitted one East German plane to participate in order to appease East German feelings.

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